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The Personal Tax.

Now that the personal tax matter has come to a crisis and it has been decided by the Commissioners to secure an authoritative judgment upon the law, it is to the best interests of the District that a test case be forward at the earliest practicable time and pressed to a final decision. Should the case result in the nullification of the law the prevailing sentiment of the District will have been satisfied. For it is not to be questioned that the community holds almost unanimously against the personal tax. If, on the other hand, the law is sustained and the Commissioners are told by the courts to enforce it, there will be need of a prompt and vigorous move to secure its repeal and the relief of the District from this burden-

The organic act creating the present mode of government for the District contemplates two prime facts in the fiscal administration of the capital's affairs: Congress is to fix the amount of money which it deems advisable and proper for expenditure upon the District's needs, and the District is then to raise one-half of that amount as its propor-This fundamental statute does not stipulate how the District's share is to be raised. The residents of the capital being under the necessity to provide the fund, they may accomplish it by exclusively taxing the real estate, or by exclusively taxing the personal property, or by imposing license fees, or by a poll tax, or by combinations of all the methods known in municipal

The manner in which they shall raise their share of the annual appropriation is of primary concern to the people of the District themselves. Having no legislative body to enact the public will, these details are relegated to Congress, and laws have been passed now and again affecting the manner of the local taxation. But this process should not exclude the exercise of the local judgment as a guide and an index of the wishes of the community, which should always be paramount in this respect. It is not required by the organic act or any subsequent legislation that Congress shall impose upon the District all of the processes of taxation known in the states, or any particular method, beyond such as the local

The people of the District would prefer should be raised by assessments against the real property. They have found that such taxes are more equitably assessed and more imposed falls in the main with proportionate weight upon all the residents of the District. They have furthermore found that of sheriff have gone so far? Had not the nethe personal property of the individual is victed? Did he not deserve prompt executhe least practical and equitable, the most difficult of enforcement and the most de-

in the choice of methods whereby its share of the annual revenue is produced; and that Congress should promptly repeal the personal tax statute when convinced that it is ineffective because hateful to the community, and that the District's share of the municipal revenues can be readily raised without recourse to it.

To Exclude Consumptive Immigrants

The order just issued barring consumptive immigrants from landing in this country is a move toward the better regulation nized by those who have investigated the subject that tuberculosis of the lungs or phthisls, is contagious and is therefore to number of persons, especially as he is soon consumptive, on the other hand, may scatfines him to a restricted area, and even then, under the present lax method of treatment, he may contaminate those about him without check. The plan of sending consumptives back to their original homes. toward international sanitary reform. When the European countries find these invalids returning to their shores, they may be moved to take steps toward their care and restriction, the lack of which today permits this migration of sickly persons. At the conference soon to be held in London on the broad question of consumption and its prevention and regulation, this new phase of the case will undoubtedly arise and will perhaps lead to a better undermissioner Powderly's action is well timed to this end and assuredly merits a thor-

presidency three times, there is nothing to prevent him from being a candidate as often

The Boers are doing what they can to give General Kitchener a steady supply of regret-to-report material.

Governor McSweeney. The South Carolina flurry has not been that, strong as he may be, Mr. be room enough for more than one leader in that party. It would be whittling matters down too fine to make one man-even Mr. Tillman-supreme. But evidently to talks well at all times and on all topics. such a complexion did Mr. Tillman think

tween Mr. Tillman and Mr. McLaurin ocexplain the votes and speeches in the Sena desire to hear Mr. Tillman on the same lemocracy everywhere in the state was under his wing, Mr. Tillman forced his way upon the scene and turned what was intended to be a discussion of issues into an

spicuous display of bad manners.

Then came the episode with Governor McSweeney. Both resignations were conditional, and this left it open to the governor, both as governor and as the personal friend of ooth senators, to offer a suggestion in the premises. This he did in excellent taste and temper, and in doing so voiced the wishes of thousands of people in the state, not to mention the approval that his action met with throughout the country at large. Mr. McLaurin, who meanwhile had recovered his composure. received the suggestion with respect, and rescinded his hasty action. But Mr. Tillman, still in high dudgeon, and still in his own mind the "boss of the ranch," turns upon the governor and reads him such a lecture as he had previously read Mr. McLaurin. If the governor had been a lackey, left at Columbia to do the sena-

tor's bidding, Mr. Tillman's tone would hardly have been different. Governor McSweeney's reply stamps him as a man of grit and sense, and it ought to impossible, why not Governor McSweeney for the Senate? His democracy is acceptable to the state, and his self-respect

ought to be. "An Obscure Georgia Sheriff."

"An obscure Georgia sheriff" upheld the majesty of the law yesterday, but will he in turn be upheld? Will the people of Carrollton stand by him in the stand he has taken? He deserves the support of every respectable person in the community. He kept faith with those who had put him in office. His duty was to defend his prisoner to the death if need be. His assailants were all without the law. He was entirely within it. So that in shooting down aw he but faithfully observed the spirit of his oath of office and demonstrated his claim to public respect.

But a difficulty may arise from one of those cross currents of popular sympathy which now and then cut in and sweep away rightful foundations. The prisoner was a negro, under sentence of death for the murder of a white boy. The day of execution had arrived. The people were not only expecting, but were in the humor for, a hanging. The appeal to a higher court coming at the eleventh hour angered them, and they set about deciding the appeal themselves. All were white men, and one was killed, and among the wounded was the father of the victim of the condemned murderer. The friends of these victims of their own lawless fury are likely to take up the matter now and create sen timent against the officer who but executed

This danger unfortunately is always present in dealing with a mob. Whatever changes the aspect of things. The original trouble is for the moment obscured. The new trouble immediately overshadows everything. Those in sympathy with the mob, as well as personal friends of the stricken members of the mob, think only that the bulk of their annual tax money of the heavy hand of the law, and come to resent the action taken for upholding the law. The faithful officer or officers become objects of dislike and are denounced for that which is deserving really of praise In this Georgia case it is easy to cast up the tavern judgment. Why should the all the forms of taxation that of assessing gro had a fair trial and been justly contion? Was his whole hide worth a single drop of the blood that was shed in the fight against him? And the tavern judg-If the law is sustained by the courts the ment is very strong in such cases. But District should stand firmly by the doctrine nothing is plainer than that the "obscure that its wishes are to be primarily regarded sheriff" did his duty. The arrest of the the sentence of death had been, and while the prisoner was in his custody he was entitled to all the protection that officer

The statement is made that a young lady who was formerly a student in a New England college for girls has been robbing her fellow students of some thirteen thousand dollars' worth of jewelry, including one ring valued at one thousand dollars. This raises the inquiry why young ladies attending school should be indulging in jewelry of such value. It can hardly be urged that that sort of thing is an aid to study.

then he returns to Germany similar to that which signalized his departure. The way member both ends and forget the middle.

If the discussion over Mr. Lawson's yacht holds out there need be no apprehension that the races will be hindered as they have been by a lack of atmospheric

General Funston simply turned Aguin aldo over to the government for what he was worth and has not undertaken to argue about the value of his capture

In a few years J. Pierpont Morgan may feel called upon to sit down and weep as Alexander did when he found there was nothing more to be done in his line.

The habitual politicians of Ohio seen determined to do all they can to take Tom L. Johnson's mind off his work of making Cleveland a perfect city.

For some reason the "military critic" is not the feature of London journalism that it used to be.

The Fourth This Year.

The announcement that Charles A Towne will deliver an address at Dallas, Texas, on the 4th of July calls attention to the fact that the great anniversary is close at hand. Shall we hear from the orators this year in periods of more than ordinary eloquence? Will the Supreme Court a new pledge to liberty? It is an off year

Mr. Towne's address ought to be an in teresting one. He is now in Texas, looking in helping to garner the fruits of the great some of those strangers, and of course has things. Ten to one, at this moment he has the dollar fixed above the man. But in subjects which have made him famous On the same day, if we may trust the dispatches, Mr. Bryan will speak at Madison, Ind. There is no oil boom in that state, but everything is in good shape there, as everywhere, and Mr. Bryan will confront an audience well fed, well clothed well housed and contented. What will be state in 1896 he assured them most earnest-

them that the Filipinos would never accept

American sovereignty and that the Tagal

Washington would resist unto the death.

He was a prophet on neither of those occa-

sions. Will he attempt the role again?

etter established than the fact that, whatever he may be, Mr. Bryan is not a prophet? These two men are, beyond all comparison, the most attractive public speakers representing the Bryanite contentions. They have abounding confidence in their own opinions, and defeat does not seem to phase it. They were routed on the silver ssue, but promptly came forward again on the issue of militarism. They were routed on that, and yet they still have their voices and their nerve with them. It is truly both a great and a free country where men survive as leaders in such cir-

A girl who was attending a college in Massachusetts says that she got into the way of stealing because she craved the excitement. Perhaps this is a case where hazing ought to have been tolerated as an outlet for superabundant nervous energy.

The Chinese are duly gratified at seeing the "No Admittance" sign taken off the Forbidden City. The usual crop of flying machines that

will not fly is expected this summer. SHOOTING STARS.

"I shall tender my resignation and make test case of this matter," exclaimed the

politician hotly. "All right," answered the friend. "But you want to be careful how you go about it. This thing of resigning has been occasionally known to cost an officeholder his

A Faint Distrust. I'd like to own this world below, If fate would kindly thus allot it-But then perhaps I wouldn't know

"It 'pears," said Uncle Eben, "like some men will turn plain, hones' people down an' take up wif confidence men jes' foh de sake o' de excitement."

Just how to run it when I'd got it.

A Purely Practical Estimate. "Do you think that European nobleman vill always be so devoted to the heiress he has just married?" "It seems probable," answered Miss Cay-

nne. "You know her real estate will in crease in value with the lapse of time." The Always Gallant Meekton.

"So you admire Julius Caesar, do you? said Mr. Meekton's wife.

"Yes, Henrietta, in a way. I can't help thinking of the things that man might have accomplished if he had been a wo-

Pardonable Vanity. When June comes along with her smiling

As light as a fairy and proud as a queen, A-wearing the jewels that quiver and flash splash,

Then you don't blame this earth for the satisfied way She has when she's throwing herself a

Though men have maligned her when winter was chill. This earth, with her daintiest fabric and

That are tenderly blue as the bluest of

When you think of her beauty, who is there She does wrong to be throwing herself a

And fields all be-daisied and ivies that

twine. And the fond, blushing roses that fragrantly sigh

Neath the kiss of the sun, till they wither and die: We share her contentment, and love display,

When we find the earth throwing hersel a bouquet.

School Ma'am Follows the Flag. rom the Helena Herald.

The American school ma'am follows the flag whether the Constitution does or not. In response to the appeal of President Taft of the Philippine commission a number of American teachers are now on their way to those islands to impart instruction to the natives, and many more will leave dur-ing the summer. President Taft has asked for 1,000 teachers, and he will get them. When the President called for volunteers to fight for the country, the response came from every state. And so it is, when, after the battles have been fought and the high-er duty of educating the peoples whose destinies by the fate of war have been placed n this country make volunteers of a different character necessary, the response will be general. The Philippines offer a new field for educators, and American women can be expected to make the most

A Triumph of Civilization.

From the New York Tribune How many cycles of Cathay would have passed before the Chinese would have cleaned the streets of Pekin? In a few months of occupation of the chief city of the yellow kingdom the "foreign devils," as the followers of Confucius delight to call them, have cleared away so much disease-laden offal that the death rate of that capital has been reduced to carried the capital that the death rate of the capital has been reduced to carried the capital that the death rate of the capital that the capital that the death rate of the capital that the capital th tal has been reduced to a striking extent. And since the Americans disinfected and purged Havana the yellow fever in that own, which was constantly choked with refuse in the years of Spanish dominion, has almost disappeared. Give civilization half a chance, and it will purify even the worst of the Augean stables of China and

The Trailing Skirt Should Go.

rom the Cincinnati Commercial Tribune. The trailing skirt is an effective agent for germs. Out of homes infected with con-sumption and other diseases this cumbrous creation goes forth carrying its death-deal-ing bacilli into the streets, public places and cars, where the accommodating apparel of other women gives them hospitality. They are thus transferred to homes not yet contaminated by disease, but which, thanks to every lady's draperies, soon become foci

No woman on earth knows how to dress No woman on earth knows how to dress herself more neatly, becomingly and comfortably than the American woman. She always does so when guided by her own judgment and unfailing good tasts. She fails when she relies entirely on the judgment and taste of foreigners or yields unquestioning obedience to the Parisian modiste.

A Murderous Weapon.

rom the Spokane Spokesman-Review More drastic laws are needed to suppres weapon of homicidal intent.

In defense of the practice of carrying a revolver around town, it is sometimes said it is needed to stand off sandbaggers and footpads. But that is a delusion, for the sandbagger strikes from covert, and the footpad takes care to have the drop on

his victim.

The penalty for carrying concealed weapons should be increased, and it might be well to pay a reward to officers detecting violations of the law.

New Orleans Gets Her Wharves.

From the Baltimore Herald. The city of New Orleans has recovered

possession of all wharves and landings within its boundaries. For more than a quarter of a century these wharves have been leased to private parties, who, it is stated, have made a mint of money out of them, and on account of which, it is fur-ther alleged, the commerce of the city has ther alleged, the commerce of the city has suffered. Some time ago the city made an attempt to purchase, but failed, and now that the leases have expired the municipal government has declined to renew them and has taken the whole matter under its control. One of the first steps under the new administration will be to reduce the wharfage dues nearly one-half. BEFORE MEALS—THE BEST APPETIZER.
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